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- 1. ACTING SYG PANSA HAS CALLED PRIVATEMEETING OF THE DPC (AMBASSADORS PLUS ONE) MORNING JULY 29 TO DISCUSS RESUMPTION OF NATO NEGOTIATIONS WITH GREECE ON GREECE-NATO RELATIONSHIP.
- 2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT PANSA CALLED MEETING AS FOLLOW-UP TO INDICATION FROM GREEKS THAT THEY WOULD BE READY TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS AFTER SEPTEMBER 15 (PARA 3 REF A). AMBASSADOR BRUCE DISCUSSED NEED FOR MOVEMENT ON THIS ISSUE WITH GREEK PERMREP SEVERAL WEEKS AGO AS SUGGESTED REF B.
- 3. PURPOSEOF JULY 29 MEETING WILL BE TO PROMPT PERMREPS AND ALLIED CAPITALS TO BEGIN TO FOUS NOW ON THIS ISSUE IN PREPARATION FOR NEGOTIATIONS THIS FALL. PRIVATE MEETING WILL ALSO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR ANY PRELIMINARY COMMENTS BY PERMREPS IN ANTICIPATION OF NEXT FORMAL STEP, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WILL BE CONSIDERATION AT DPC MEETING IN LATE AUGUST OF DATE FOR FORMAL COMMENCEMENT OF GREEK-NATO NEGOCONFIDENTIAL

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TIATIONS. THAT DATE IN TURN IS LIKELY TO BE A FEW DAYS AFTER SEPTEMBER 15, AT THE FIRST CONVENIENT OPPORTUNITY FOR DPC MEETING.

4. COMMENT: AT MEETING JULY 29, WE WOULD PLAN TO WELCOME THEEE MOVES TOWARD CLARIFYING GREECE'S RELATIONSHIP WITH NATO, AND EXPRESS HOPE THAT ALLIES WILL DO SOME ADVANCE THINKING ON THIS ISSUE IN ANTICIPATION OF SEPTEMBER MEETINGS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE IF THERE ARE ANY ADDITIONAL POINTS DEPARTMENT WISHES US TO RAISE AT JULY 29 MEETING. BRUCE

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